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	the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):				
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

2,3,4

No: Claims

No:

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Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

Claims

2,3,4

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims

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No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

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International application No.

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Re Item III.

In view of the large number and also the wording of the claims presently on file, especially the large number of independent and multiple dependent claims (see Rules 6.1(a) and 6.4(a) PCT), which render it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, the present application fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT to such an extent that a meaningful examination is impossible.

On the basis of Article 34(4)(a)(ii) and Article 35(3)(a) PCT, no statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) or Article 35(2) PCT can be delivered except for claim 1.

Re Item V.

- 1. Reference is made to the following document: D1: US 2004/012693
- 2. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

 Document D1 discloses an imaging apparatus (abstract) that images a subject image and stores the subject image on a storage medium (paragraphs [0008] and [0009]), wherein the imaging apparatus selectively images a generic image to be retrieved and a key image to be used as a retrieval key of the image retrieval (paragraphs [0047]-[0050] and [0066]-[0070]).

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